

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION Disaster Assistance - Area 3 14925 Kingsport Road Fort Worth, Texas 76155

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DATE: February 23, 2005

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SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE DECLARATION

Declaration Date: February 22, 2005

Declaration Number: #10042 Disaster # TX-00016

Incidence: Excessive rain, flooding, hail, and high winds that began on

January 1, 2004 and continuing.

Deadline: Economic Injury Loans

October 3, 2005

- Small businesses dependent on agriculture producers are eligible to apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet operating expenses that cannot be met because of the disaster.
- Farmers and ranchers are <u>not</u> eligible for assistance from SBA but may be eligible under programs offered by other federal agencies.
- To apply, small businesses may contact SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

Declared Counties: (eligible to apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans)

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Adjacent Counties: (eligible for Economic Injury Disaster Loans)

Texas:

Bell Hamilton McLennan

Bosque Lampasas